

In the Claims

Please replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application with the following list of claims:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method for providing information to an application on a computing device, the method comprising:

discovering that the computing device is attached to a first network;

associating a first name with the first network;

upon discovering that the computing device is attached to the first network, discovering information about the first network, the information about the first network comprising first physical location information;

providing the first name and the first physical location information to the application;

discovering that the computing device is attached to a second network, the second network different from the first network;

associating a second name with the second network, the second name different from the first name;

upon gaining connectivity to the second network, discovering information about the second network, the information about the second network comprising second physical location information;

providing the second name to the application; and

if the second physical location information differs from the first physical location information, then providing the second physical location information to the application;

wherein providing the first physical location information to the application comprises providing a location method used in said discovering information about the first network to the application via [a common] an Application Programming Interface (API).

12-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein discovering information about the first network comprises consulting a list of physical-location discovery methods applicable to the first network.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein discovering information about the first network comprises performing a plurality of physical-location discovery methods listed as applicable to the first network.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for providing information to an application on a computing device, the method comprising:

discovering that the computing device is attached to a first network;

associating a first name with the first network;

upon discovering that the computing device is attached to the first network, discovering information about the first network, the information about the first network comprising first physical location information;

providing the first name and the first physical location information to the application;

discovering that the computing device is attached to a second network, the second network different from the first network;

associating a second name with the second network, the second name different from the first name;

upon gaining connectivity to the second network, discovering information about the second network, the information about the second network comprising second physical location information;

providing the second name to the application; and

if the second physical location information differs from the first physical location information, then providing the second physical location information to the application;

wherein the first physical location information comprises an error range of a physical location, and wherein providing the first physical location information to the application

comprises providing a location method used in said discovering information about the first network to the application via [a common] an Application Programming Interface (API).

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein providing the first physical location information to the application comprises providing latitude, longitude, and altitude.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein providing the first physical location information to the application comprises converting the first physical location information to a common format before [proving] providing the first physical location information to the application.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
notifying the application if third physical location information is discovered that differs from the first physical location information.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising:
consulting a reporting threshold set by the application; and
notifying the application only when a magnitude of a difference between the first and third physical location information exceeds the reporting threshold.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
notifying the application when physical information provided to the application is supplemented by further information.

26. (Amended) [[a]] A computer-readable storage medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method for providing information to an application on a computing device, the method comprising:

discovering that the computing device is attached to a first network, discovering information about the first network, the information about the first network comprising first physical location information;

providing the first name and the first physical location information to the application;

discovering that the computing device is attached to a second network, the second network different from the first network;

associating a second name with the second network, the second name different from the first name;

upon gaining connectivity to the second network, discovering information about the second network, the information about the second network comprising second physical location information; and

if the second physical location information differs from the first physical location information,

then providing the second name to the application,

wherein providing the first physical location information to the application comprises providing a location method used in said discovering information about the first network to the application via [a common] an Application Programming Interface (API).